

By-Laws

As amended May 21, 1897
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adopted July 10, 1889.

Article I.

- Name. §1. The name of the Society shall be The First Unitarian Society of Plainfield.
- Object. §2. Its object shall be to provide for public religious worship and instruction, and for such charitable and benevolent activities as belong to a religious Society.

Article II.

- §1. The members of this Society shall until January 1st, 1890, consist of those who shall have signed these By-Laws.
- After January 1st, 1890, the annual contribution to the support of this Society, according to the usage and customs thereof, of a sum not less than Two dollars, for which the Treasurer has furnished a receipt, by persons of either sex and full age, who shall have been in stated attendance on religious worship in said Society at least six months, and whose names shall have been registered in a book kept by the Secretary for that purpose, shall entitle such persons to vote in the meetings of this Society.
- §2. Any person whose contribution, subscription, or pew rent shall be twelve months in arrears, and who shall neglect to discharge the same within fourteen days after receiving notice from the Treasurer, shall be

Loss

of

membership

considered as having withdrawn from the Society, and shall not be entitled to vote.

Withdrawal.

Any person wishing to withdraw from the Society can do so by paying his dues and sending in his resignation to the Secretary.

Membership of families.

Sec. 3. If any member of the Society intends that his or her annual contribution or pew rent, in excess of Two dollars, shall be allowed in payment of the annual contribution of any other member or members of his or her family, a written notice of such intention, signed and dated, must be filed with the permanent records of the Treasurer.

No creed.

Sec. 4. No subscription to any creed shall be required of any member of this Society.

Article III.

Board of seven Trustees.

Sec. 1. The executive power of this Society shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, consisting of seven members of the Society, all of whom shall be chosen by ballot at this and at each annual meeting.

Powers of Trustees.

Sec. 2. The powers of the Trustees shall extend to whatever may be necessary for the accommodation of the Society or Congregation at their meetings for worship or business, and generally to the promotion of the views and interests of the Society, provided that they shall make no contract involving an expenditure exceeding one thousand dollars until authorized to do so

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of powers
of Trustees

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Board.

Pulpit
supplies.

Records.

by the Society at a legal meeting thereof.
Sec. 3. No tax shall be assessed by the Trustees, no real estate shall be purchased or sold, or building erected or mortgage executed by them until the same shall have been authorized by the Society.

Sec. 4. The fiscal year of the Society shall begin on the first day of January in each year.

Sec. 5. The Trustees shall organize at their first meeting in each fiscal year by the election of a President, Treasurer, and Collector; and may require from the Treasurer such security as they shall deem proper. They shall also select a Clerk who shall also be the Secretary of the Society, and to him shall be committed the custody of the corporate seal adopted by them.

Sec. 6. The Board of Trustees shall furnish the President of the Society, prior to each annual meeting, with a correct list of the members of the Society, entitled to vote according to law, and shall also render in writing a full report on the condition of the Society, together with such recommendations as may be deemed for the best interests of the Society.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees in case of the absence of the Pastor, or of any vacancy in that office, to see that the pulpit is properly supplied.

Sec. 8. The Secretary shall keep a record of the doings of the Society, and shall note against the names of members the date when they became qual-

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List of
members.

Collector.

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Notice
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ified voters in the Society, and also the time when they cease to be members by death or withdrawal.

Sec. 9. The Collector shall collect all sums due the Society, and pay the same promptly into the treasury.

Sec. 10. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Society, and shall pay bills only with the approval of at least two of the Trustees.

Article IV. (Amended Jan., 1891.)

Sec. 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society on the second Monday in January in each year, for the purpose of hearing reports, for electing Trustees, for the appointment of Standing Committees, and for the transaction of any other business that may be properly brought before it. At such meetings all questions shall be decided by the majority vote of the members present.

Sec. 2. At this meeting, and at all annual meetings, the Society shall elect one of its members as its President, to serve until the next annual meeting, and to preside at all meetings of the Society.

Sec. 3. Notice of the annual meeting, or of a meeting to select a Pastor, shall be made by the posting of a ~~written notice~~ ^{written notice} under the hands of the Trustees, in some public place connected with the place of worship, and said ~~written notice~~ ^{written notice} shall specify the purpose of the meeting and the subjects to be brought before it. Notice of other meetings of the Society shall be given by the President thereof.

Special meetings

or as the Board of Trustees shall direct.
 Sec. 4. Special meetings of the Society, for a stated purpose, at which no other business shall be considered, may be called at any time by the President of the Society, or of the Board of Trustees, and shall be called by either of them at the request in writing of ten members of the Society, which request shall state the object of the meeting.

Article V.

Election of Pastor.Registry of baptisms &c.

Sec. 1. Two thirds of the votes cast at any meeting duly called for the purpose, shall be necessary to constitute a choice in the election of a Pastor.
 Sec. 2. The Pastor shall keep a registry of the baptisms, marriages and deaths that may occur in the Society or congregation.

Article VI.

Standing Committee.

The Society at its annual meeting each year shall appoint such standing committee for the ensuing year as may be deemed necessary to promote its various interests.

Article VII.

Vacancies in Board

Vacancies that may occur in the Board of Trustees shall be filled by the remaining Trustees.

Charges in By Laws how made.Members of Society.
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Article VIII.

These By Laws may be changed or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any meeting at which notice of the proposed change has been given in the call.
 Immediately after the adoption of the above By Laws the following persons attached their signatures thereto:

- ✓ J. G. Hale -
- ✓ David W. Pond
- ✓ Mary B. Browne
- ✓ Mrs. David W. Pond -
- ✓ W. F. Adams
- ✓ G. T. Pierce
- ✓ Geo. J. Patten -
- ✓ Jos. D. Osgood
- ✓ E. L. Reynolds
- ✓ R. C. Leonard -
- ✓ C. W. Oddyke -
- ✓ L. B. Wells -
- ✓ Mrs. Anna K. Boardman
- ✓ Abel R. Boardman
- ✓ Mrs. W. F. Adams
- ✓ L. E. Osgood
- ✓ E. K. Leonard

- ✓ Sarah Stout
- ✓ S. D. Tucker -

Members of the Society, Jan. 1, 1890.

being a list of those who have paid at least two dollars each for the support of the Society for the year ending Dec. 31, 1889.

W. F. Adams	18 Duer St.
Mrs. W. F. Adams	" "
Miss Mary Arguit	15 Third Place
Miss Caroline A. Barber	57 East 6th St.
F. T. Beale	10 Crescent Ave.
Mrs. Boardman	" "
Miss M. B. Browne	106 Broadway
James F. Buckle	151 Grove St.
E. W. Conklin	9 First Place
Wm. H. Chum	42 New St.
Chas. W. Fisher	102 East Front St.
Nelson Fiske	51 Kensington Ave.
Mrs. Nelson Fiske	" "
Sidney E. Flower	13 East Front St.
H. D. C. Hodges	7 Franklin Place
Mrs. H. D. C. Hodges	" "
Samuel Huntington	12 " "
J. R. Krom	71 Madison Ave.
Mrs. S. R. Krom	" "
Mrs. Ruth C. Leonard	1 East 9th St.
Miss Edith R. Leonard	" "
Wm. E. C. Leonard	103 West Front St.
Mrs. William E. Leonard	" "
George Lissagnot	249 East Front St.
John Male	18 Crescent Ave.
H. B. Nichols	57 East 6th St.
Mrs. H. B. Nichols	" "
C. W. O'Leary	184 Broadway
Joseph C. Osgood	36 Duer St.
Mrs. Joseph Osgood	" "
E. V. Pierce	" "
Mrs. E. V. Pierce	4 Second Place
Geo. D. Patten	27 La Grande Ave.

Members
of
Society
Jan. 1, 1890.

David M. Pond	
Mrs. David M. Pond	24 West 7th St.
David S. Pond	" "
W. Souther Pond	" "
Mrs. R. F. Shaen	" "
Miss Annie C. Shaen	30 Carlton Ave.
Henry B. Wells	" "
Mrs. Henry B. Wells	80 Washington Ave.
Miss Mary B. Wells	" "
Philip B. Wells	" "
L. B. Woolston	29 North Ave.

Members
of
Society
Jan. 1, 1890.

Copy of Certificate of Incorporation

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that a Religious Society, meeting and worshipping in Plainfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, did on the 30th day of June, 1889, at their usual place of worship, give notice that a meeting of their said Society would be held on July 10th 1889, for the purpose of electing Trustees according to the Laws of New Jersey; and we certify that such notice was set up for ten days in open view at or near such place of meeting; and we certify that the said Society, when so assembled on July 10, did by plurality of such the members of said Society or Congregation who regularly contributed to its support, male or female over twenty-one years of age, as were present, elect us whose names are hereto appended as their seven Trustees.

We certify that, for the purpose of constituting ourselves a body politic and corporate in law, under the Laws of New Jersey, we have taken the name and do hereby incorporate ourselves under the title of
THE FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we whose names are hereto appended have this seventeenth day of July, 1889, set our hands and seals.

Signed by

Mr. JOE MALL,
Mr. HENRY B. WELLS,
Mrs. DAVID W. POON,
Mrs. E. C. LEONARD,
Mr. C. W. COOPER,
Mr. H. B. NICHOLS,
Mr. GEO. D. PATTEN.

Job Mall
Mrs. David W. Poon
Henry B. Wells
E. C. Leonard
C. W. Cooper
H. B. Nichols
Geo. D. Patten

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Filing of Certificate.

UNION COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Elizabeth, N. J., August 11th 1889

Dear Sir:

The Article of Incorporation of the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, N. J. has been duly received and filed in this office this 26th day of August A. D. 1889 and the fee of one Dollar Paid

Yours ve,
Jno L. Cornwall

clerk

Subscription Card.

Until the 1st of January next, I will contribute weekly to the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, the sum of _____

Name _____

Address _____

Date _____

Circular, authorized July 15/89.



RELIGIOUS meetings held in our city during the past three months have resulted in the organization of the FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF PLAINFIELD.

Its meetings for worship will be resumed on September 8th. To test the probable strength of its cause, the Trustees have adopted the pledge system of weekly contributions.

If the cause of Liberal Christianity can count you among its friends, please to fill up the blank in the enclosed card and return it to the Treasurer, who alone will know the name of the giver, as each pledge is numbered and the amount on the Treasurer's books is kept only by the members. A package of small envelopes will then be furnished you for weekly use, to deposit sealed, and containing your contribution (and that of the previous Sunday if absent), in the contribution box.

The pledge, being purely voluntary, may be cancelled at any time by giving notice to the Treasurer.

Such contributions continue membership and we enclose cards for the use of any other members of your family, as we wish each to separate individual's under this plan.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. JOE MALL,
Mr. HENRY B. WELLS,
Mrs. DAVID W. POON,
Mrs. E. C. LEONARD,
Mr. C. W. COOPER,
Mr. H. B. NICHOLS,
Mr. GEO. D. PATTEN, Treasurer.
No. 37 La Grange street.
Plainfield, N. J., August 11th 1889